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## Precancel Collecting Featured

### Ships And Horses On German Stamps

Ships steaming through the city gate of the Baltic Seaport of Rostock in Germany make up the design which the red half of that country released as publicity for the reconstruction of the harbor. In a denomination of 20pf. and in an orange red color, it had its release on July 5.



Axel Bangs was the designer. Printing is by offset on paper watermarked with quatrefoils.

Released on July 22 was a set of three for the Grand Prize Horse Championships of the East German Republic. All designs are the work of the Weimar artist, Engelbert Schoner and picture various events.

Denominations and colors are 5pf. brown, 10pf. green and 20pf. red. These are produced by photogravure on paper watermarked with quatrefoils.

### 90-Day Respite From Postage Due Penalty

To give the American people more time to familiarize themselves with the new postage rates effective August 1, the Post Office Department will suspend between August 1 and October 31 the new 5c charge for handling mail lacking sufficient postage recently enacted by the Congress (P.L. 85-371). Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced.

After October 31 a 5c penalty charge will be made for each piece of mail lacking sufficient postage. This charge, plus the postage due, can be refused by the recipient, in which case the mail is returned to the sender if it bears a return address. Otherwise it will be destroyed or sent to the Dead Letter Office.

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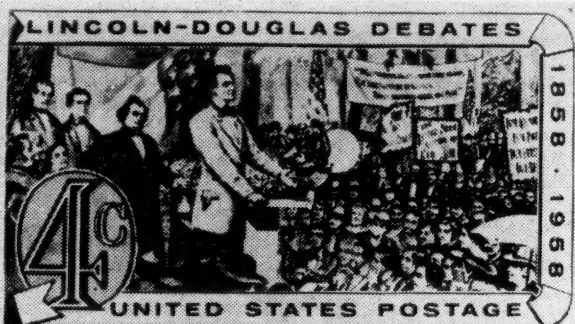
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### Lincoln-Douglas Debate 4c To Depict Scene From Old Print; More On Revaluing Envelopes

The first in a series of four stamps commemorating the sesquicentennial of the February 12, 1809 birth of Abraham Lincoln will be released August 27, the 100th anniversary of the most important of the seven Lincoln-Douglas Debates of the 1858 Illinois senatorial campaign. The first day city, Freeport, Ill., was the location of that important encounter of a century ago.

A reproduction of an old print showing Lincoln addressing an outdoor crowd with the diminutive Douglas standing behind him awaiting his turn was used as the motif of the stamp.

The "4c" value appears in a large shaded oval at the lower left. A thin ribbon forms the border at the top, right and bottom, and contains the inscription "Lincoln - Douglas Debates" across the top; "1858 - 1958" at the right, and "United States Postage" at the bottom, all in dark Gothic letters.

An initial order for 120 million of these stamps has been placed, with printing in sepia by rotary press, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of fifty. The stamp will be arranged horizontally and will measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches. Ervine Metz, a member of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, was the designer.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send addressed envelopes, with remittance, to the Postmaster, Freeport, Illinois. The outside envelope should be endorsed "First Day Covers Lincoln-Douglas Debates Stamp."

The Lincoln-Douglas Debates took place during a two months period preceding the November 2 elections. The exact dates and places were:

Ottawa, August 21; Freeport, August 27; Jonesboro, September 15; Charleston, September 18; Galesburg, October 7; Quincy, October 13; and Alton, October 15.

Douglas, then senator, was re-elected, but in the course of the campaign Lincoln forced him to make known his position on various important issues, meanwhile setting himself (Lincoln) definitely and positively in opposition. In the final result Lincoln had the popular majority but lost in the legislature (which in that time actually elected the senators) through the apportionment system then in vogue.

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**Canada Notes Centenary Of Oil Development With Stamp Depicting Industry's Growth**

Postmaster General William Hamilton of Canada has announced details of a new design 5c stamp to be issued September 10 in tribute to the country's oil industry. This is the date previously scheduled for another 5c item to note the nation's first elected assembly, but nothing official has been said about the coincidence.

The new adhesive focuses attention on the important role played by Canadians in the development of petroleum. A Canadian geologist, Abraham Gesner of Nova Scotia laid the foundation for the new industry when he discovered kerosene in 1846 and established its use for illuminating purposes.

Another Canadian, James M. Williams, dug the first commercially successful oil well at Oil Springs, Ontario in 1857. Canadian enterprise in the refining of petroleum became the basis for the modern worldwide petroleum industry.



The release of the new stamp coincides with the World Power Conference which will convene in Montreal September 7-11. At this conference Canada will be host to some 1700 delegates representing 52 countries.

The new "Oil Development" stamp was designed by A. L. Pollock of Toronto.

It will be printed in green and red, and will be of medium size

measuring one by one and three sixteenths inches. The engraving and printing are being done by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ltd., Ottawa, in an edition of 25 million, with 100 stamps per pane.

All patrons who desire to have first day covers bearing the new stamp, specially canceled on the day of issue, are required to forward addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada, not to the Philatelic Section, to arrive not later than September 8.

All must contain "fillers" and must be sealed or have the flaps turned in. To avoid errors the patron should mark on the cover, upper right hand corner, the quantity of stamps to be affixed to each.

The necessary space should be allowed if blocks are ordered.

Applicants must not fold envelopes when forwarding them for servicing. Instead, such sendings should be enclosed in an outside wrapper marked "First Day of Issue". Return will be by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered mail.

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Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or inquiries not related directly to the order for first day covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

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The Postmaster, Ottawa, can not guarantee to supply plate blocks of four which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle first day covers.

The postage rate on first-class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first-class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is .20c additional. Avoid covers being spoiled by postage due markings by prepaying sufficient postage.

Remittances for first day covers are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

Remittances for mint stamps are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent directly to the Post Office Department, Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada.

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Plate numbers will be supplied on the basis of one for each ten stamps ordered.

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11	....VF	1.25	*26-30	..F	.70
14-20	F	1.95	26-30	..VF	1.00
*23-31	F	1.95	*27a,28,27a,7b	..F	1.70
*34-39	F	2.75	28a,28b	F	2.95
*44.5.50	F	3.90	*29c	....VF	1.75
*47	....G	1.65	31-32	..AV	1.00
48, 55	G	2.95	35-40	..F	2.45
63-70	..VG	1.45	*42B	..G	2.95
88, 89	VG	1.00	42-49	..VF	1.65
92-94	VG	1.00	49	....F	.50
COSTA RICA			*50-53	..VG	1.45
3	....F	1.00	50-53	..VF	1.65
*4	....VG	1.95	53.40	..F	1.90
7.9.12	VF	1.45	54C.5b	VF	1.60
7, 9	....F	1.95	58-62	..F	1.00
*13	....F	2.85	64-66	..F	.65
16-24	F	1.45	69.70-75	..F	.85
30-32	..VF	1.40	62.85	..F	1.95
*31	..VF	1.00	80-87	..F	.50
31, 61	VG	1.00	*86-87	..F	.50
40-44	F	1.95	87a	....VF	.70
*40-44	F	1.95	*89-96	..F	1.20
*40.1.3	F	1.25	99-107	..F	1.95
43, 44	VF	1.25	*105.6.7	F	1.25
50-54	VF	1.65	*108-13	F	1.00
51-53	..VF	1.00	145-45	..F	1.00
55-57	..VF	.50	*147-57	..F	1.25
56, 60	F	1.00	*151a	..F	1.25
61, 67	VF	1.50	*153a	..VG	1.10
64-68	VF	3.95	158-71	F	1.90
66	....VF	.90	172-74	..VF	1.65
*73-76	F	1.00	174	..G	.90
*77-83	F	1.40	175-77	..F	1.65
77, 82d	VF	1.65	*178-83	VF	1.75
82c	..VF	1.00	178-83	VF	1.25
*86a	..F	1.20	204-09	F	1.00
88-93	F	1.20	*225-26	S	.85
95-100	F	1.00	*228	..VG	1.00
*103-4	..VF	.70	*247-50	F	1.00
*117-23	VF	1.00	252-54	S	1.25
*125-27	VF	1.75	*C6.98	F	1.00
125-26	VF	1.00	*O1-5	..F	1.75
127-35	VF	2.45	*O1-5	..VF	1.75
132-34	F	1.45	*O1-5	..VF	1.45
*135-39	VF	1.40	HAITI		
*144-47	VF	2.00	2-3	....G	1.25
156-73	VF	1.00	5	....VF	.50
*162-68	VF	1.65	6	....AV	1.25
*169-76	VF	1.00	7-13	..VG	2.45
*177-88	VF	1.25	9	....VF	1.00
*189-95	VF	2.25	10.30	..VG	1.00
*196-00	VF	1.00	*13	....VG	1.00
*201-08	VF	6.90	13-14	..VG	1.50
*208-17	VF	1.45	19	....G	1.00
*220-41	VF	2.00	21-25	..F	.75
*B1-5	..VF	1.50	26-30	..VF	1.00
C1-10	VF	2.50	*34b	..VF	.50
C1, 14	VF	1.45	46-49	..F	.90
*C15-25	VF	5.95	63-66	..VF	1.25
*C34, 38	VF	2.00	*66.77	..VF	1.00
*C39-45	VF	2.45	67-72	..VF	1.00
*C46-52	VF	2.90	73-76	..VF	.20
*C55-6	VF	1.00	74.57	..VF	.85
*C57-66	S	14.90	89-95	..VF	1.00
*C74-80	VF	5.00	102-07	..VF	.75
*C81-91A	S	2.35	110-47.9	F	1.95
*C92-94	VF	2.70	125	..VF	1.00
*C103-16	VF	8.95	276-81	..F	1.20
*C117-27	S	2.90	347	..F	1.00
*C128-40	VF	2.95	C1-C4	VF	1.45
*C141-59	S	5.90	C5-C7	F	1.20
*C160-67	VF	2.75	C10	..VF	1.45
*C168-77	VF	3.50	*C14-18	..VF	1.45
*C01-6	VF	1.45	J1-J4	..F	1.00
*C08-11	VF	2.95	*J5-J8	VF	2.45
J1, 3-6	VF	1.90	J19	..F	1.00
J4, 09	F	1.00	J20	..F	1.65
*O1-07	F	1.00	HONDURAS		
*O2-3	F	1.00	1-2	....S	1.95
O14, 22	G	1.35	1	....S	1.20
O18-19	F	.45	2	....S	1.20
O22-24	F	1.10	2	....VG	.90
*O24-41	F	2.45	3	....VF	.50
*O48-60	F	2.00	*35-36	..F	.60
GUANACASTE			49-50	..F	.60
1-5	..F	2.95	62-64	..VF	2.45
*2, 4	..F	1.00	63-64	..F	1.45
42, 43	VG	1.25	82-86	..F	1.00
55-60	..VG	1.45	92-94	..VF	.75
*64-67	..VG	1.00	128-30	VG	1.15
CURA			*136.68	..VF	1.00
154	..G	.90	161.81	..F	1.00
164.74	F	1.50	211-17	VF	1.00
*241-43	F	1.00	MEXICO		
*252.22	VF	1.40	3	....VG	.40
263	..F	.90	3b	....VG	1.35
288-90	F	1.20	3a	....VG	1.35
299-03	VF	1.65	14a	..VF	1.00
330.82	VF	1.00	21a.3a	F	1.45
475-80	VF	.75	23	....VF	.50
*J5-7	VG	1.00	25a	..F	2.40
*F1-30	VG	2.45	27a	....S	1.75
DOMINICAN REP.			43	....F	1.00
16	..VG-F	3.90	53.54	..F	1.20
29	....F	1.95	59a	..F	1.40
36a	....F	1.00	59a,61b	G	1.25
36-44	..F	2.45	100.10	F	1.35
45-53	..VF	2.95	122.74	..VG	1.30
54-60,62,65,66	..F	5.95	123-25	..F	1.00
68	VG-F	5.95	127a.30a	VG	1.65
71.74,75,77	..F	3.95	136a.8	VG	1.45
79.81	..F	1.95	137-8	VG	1.20
88-95	..VF	4.95	147-48	VG	1.00
96-99	F	.75	150-2	VG	1.90
*111-19	VF	2.45	194.233	VG	1.00
*111-19	F	1.45	238.53	VG	1.45
117	....F	.50	254	..F	1.45
118	....F	.50	285	....VG	1.00
119	....F	.50	301-03	VF	2.25
*136.43	F	1.80	*JX-19	F	7.55
137.38	VG	1.60	JX13	..VF	.90
144-50	VF	1.20	JX14	..VF	1.25
*154a	..VF	1.45	JX15	..VF	.90
*157-58	VF	1.20	JX16	..AV	.70
161.5a	VF	1.40	JX17	..F	1.35
163a	..VF	.50	JX20	..S	1.25
164b	..VF	.50	JX20	..G	.75
*182-83	VF	1.20	JX23	..S	1.25
184	....VF	.75	JX33	..F	1.25
185	....S	1.20	JX35	..G	.90
*186-89	S	1.00	*JX26-31	VF	1.00
*186-93	VF	3.45	O10-11	VG	1.00
*194-99	VF	1.75	O26.29	VG	1.20
194-99	VF	1.95	O49-55	F	1.45
396	....VG	4.00	O59-63	F	1.00
*C7.E3	F	1.75	O155-62	F	1.20
C24-25	VF	1.00	O165-6	F	.90
C68	..F	.60	NICARAGUA		
*G4	....VF	1.00	*1-2	....VG	3.90
*O5-O9	F	1.00	3	....F	.50
ECUADOR			4	....F	.50
2	....VG	.50	5	....F	.45
3a,4a	F	1.95			
5	....F	1.00			
7.11	..VG	1.60			
9-10	..VG	.50			
33.5-7	F	1.90			
63-69	..F	1.40			
70-73	..VG	1.00			
*73d	..F	.80			
82.8a	..F	1.45			
91.6.7	F	2.00			
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## From Out Of The Past

About one hundred years ago the name of F. TRIFET was one of the best known as a stamp dealer and perhaps the best known to stamp collectors. He did business from 61 Court St. in Boston, Mass., and it was in front of his shop at this address that local collectors could see a display board holding stamps for sale which were attached to the board by having a pin or tack through their centers.



GEORGE W. LINN

In those days F. Trifet meant as much to the stamp collectors of Boston as does the name of H. E. Harris & Co. today. I have recently acquired a copy of what is best described by quoting the front page of the booklet... "Descriptive Price Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of all Nations, with the prices at which they can be purchased both used and unused of the compiler, F. TRIFET. Twelfth Edition, illustrated with 663 engravings. Price Post Free 25 cents. Boston, Mass., F. Trifet, 61 Court Street, 1879".

That was from the colored front cover. On the first inside title page there is an almost identical quote of what was on the cover, but with a few exceptions. One particular bit of wording that is unusual reads... "and giving the prices at which most of the stamps, etc., can be purchased, clean or canceled, of the compiler".

We note here that instead of the words "used and unused" the wording is "clean or canceled". Thus we presume that in those days unused stamps were also described as "clean stamps". There is another bit of wording on this title page that varies from the front cover in which it says "Illustrated with 663 engravings." On the inside title page Mr. Trifet being a smart advertiser uses the words, "Illustrated with nearly 700 engravings". That of course seems better than 663 engravings.

The price also interests us as it is but 25 cents. This catalogue including the illustrations, a supplement, and a copy of his monthly Stamp Circular consists of around 125 pages and at the price of 25c would seem like a very low figure for those days.

There is a lot of interesting material in this catalogue and one bit that is especially so is a paragraph referring to "References". Even back in those days there must have been a lot of stamp dealers who would be referred to in these days as "sharpshooters" or by some other name not too complimentary for regarding his own business and himself, under the heading of References, Mr. Trifet has this to say.

"As many collectors have been victimized by unscrupulous scoundrels, calling themselves stamp dealers, who usually trade under fictitious names, or with long sounding titles taken in imitation of incorporated companies, and have thus become wary of purchasing by mail, I beg leave to state that I can, if necessary, refer to collectors in nearly any city, town or village in the United States, or any of the principal cities in the world, or to any of the Mercantile Agencies".

It is a well known fact to students of early philatelic literature that publishers as well as reputable stamp dealers were quite outspoken in those days and early papers are filled with statements as strong as that quoted above and without the fear of a libel suit. I could quote other remarks of a similar nature in reference to competitors should I care to do so, but I am discussing only this TRIFET Catalogue and shall go on further.

Prices are of general interest. We can find plenty of figures that if one could invest as much as \$100 in his pick of stamps offered at those prices today, he would be an immensely wealthy man in 1958.

We note all of the Alsace and Lorraine stamps unused at 5c each. Number 1 Baden unused at 30c. Today \$30. Confederate States, the rare TEN CENTS at \$1 unused and \$2 used. This is listed today at \$40 and \$45. Note that even in 1879 the stamp was more rare used than unused and the same is true today. The 2c brown red was offered by Trifet at 5c unused, no price used. Scott prices it today at \$4.50 unused, \$25 used. Hawaii, Scott Number 5 is priced \$80. Trifet offered it at 18c. Trifet offered Hawaiian numerals at from 12c, 25c, 50c and the highest at \$2. Scott prices on these vary from as low as \$10 to as high as \$500.

The main priced catalogue part was of 58 pages after which there is a listing of 13 pages of postal cards of the world. Then come 42 pages of illustrations of stamps of the world, in all, 663 illustrations. We note Trifet lists a 1c Baltimore in both black and red. That must have been one of the manufactured ones of those early days. The 5c 1847 is listed at 25c unused and 5c used. The 10c at \$1 unused and 40c used. See Scott for current prices.

Following the pages of illustrations is a bound in copy of Trifet's "Monthly Stamp Circular". This is an 8-page affair which lists a lot of sets of stamps, includes notes on new issues, has some reprints of the "SPUD PAPERS" and other items of general interest. We note one advertisement by Trifet which is worth mention as it is an offer of sheets of stamps. This is not for full sheets as we know them today, but is for approval sheets, that is pieces of paper on which 40 stamps are mounted. These are described as being 40 stamps which are catalogued at \$1 and the sheets are offered at 50c each or five sheets for \$2. This therefore shows that even back in those early days the 50% discount approvals were in vogue.

We hear an awful lot in these days postal history. I think another subject that is of just as much interest and one which can give a lot of pleasure would be to build a collection based on Philatelic History or the History of Stamp Collecting. There are but few people today who could go very far in writing on this subject, but a real student could compile a tremendous amount of interesting material by studying the Library of the Collectors Club and writing on the early phases of the hobby. That however would have to be a job for a young man who had the ambition to dig out the facts as found in the early books and papers which are filled with unusual things that are never spoken of today.

## "Fairyland" Cancel On East Bay Show Cachet

The East Bay Collectors Club, Oakland, Calif. will hold its annual outdoor stamp show at Oakland's Lakeside Park on August 10. A special cachet will mark the event.

Collectors may send their own envelopes (at the new 4c rate) or

the club will provide and service covers at 10c each. In addition to the special cachet, all will bear the unusual postmark of the Children's Fairyland Stn., Oakland. Admission to the show itself is free, and the public is invited, as also are visitors to the regular club meetings. These are held every Wednesday evening at Norway Hall, 3829 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 11, Calif.

## The 1902-08 13c Precancel Rarities

George L. Fluck

The rarity of the 13c precancels of the 1902 and 1908 series of U. S. stamps has long been an accepted fact. These items are rarely seen; dealers have few if any to show, and it is only once in a great while that a copy of either variety shows up in an auction list.



The listing of the 1908 one was started back in November 1955 with an article in the "PSS Forum". Hundreds of letters were written, many contacts made and leads followed to find out who had these precancels. The Hoover Bros. Official Precancel Stamp Catalog, 16th edition, Part I of 1940, lists 47 different items. Seven others have been reported to date, making a total of 54 items, adding up to 157 stamps owned by 33 collectors and dealers.

Some of the missing items are: Chicago, Ill. Type 18 - Invert Chicago, Ill. Type 18 - Double Invert

Techny, Ill. Type 2 - Normal Lynn, Mass. Type 3 - Up and down

Bay City, Mich. Type 8 - Normal Saginaw, Mich. Type 5 - Normal Butte, Mont. Type 1 - Double Burlington, N. J. Type 1 - Normal Mechanicsville, N. Y. Type 1 - Normal

Cincinnati, Ohio Type 5 - Normal Cleveland, Ohio Type 3 - Invert and Double Invert

Altoona, Pa. Type 1 - Normal Naturally the question arises as to whether all known items are listed and how many exist of each kind. Too, maybe, someone has a still unreported cover bearing this 13c, 1908 series.

A blue paper variety of it was precancelled at Saginaw, Mich. In an interesting article in the early 1930's John J. Spencer, who was assistant postmaster at Saginaw, told of this historical find. In his words, "It was in December 1911, that the first Saginaw precancels were put out and this precancelling was done with a locally made rubber roller."

"One sheet of the 13c blue paper must have been precancelled, for in my returned favors, two single blue papers were found, bearing this rubber roller cancellation. Others possibly exist, as there no doubt were 100 mailed from Saginaw at this Christmas period. I unwittingly wielding the precancel roller on the full sheet."



Since the listing of the 1908 13c Precancel proved so interesting, many have asked that the same kind of listing be made on the 13c 1902 items.

Already such a list has been made from Hoover Bros. Official Precancel Stamp Catalog, 16th Edition, Part I of 1940, showing 93 items, and 1 unlisted item has since shown up.

(Editor's note: Mr. Fluck is carrying on in his study of both of these precancel rarities, and will be pleased to hear from anyone who has a copy of either, or who knows of the location of such a specimen).

## SMILEATELICS... by Bob Rieker



"What a jerk! He wanted the whole sheet of 8c Bolivars even though it was badly off-center and Simon himself was standing on his head!"

1958 STAMP PROGRAM  
July 31 — Airmail 7c, Philadelphia 4, Pa. (100 per pane).  
July 31 — Airmail 7c coil, Miami 31, Fla.  
July 31 — Airmail 7c booklet, San Antonio 5, Texas.  
July 31 — Airmail 5c, Colorado Springs, Colo. (100 per pane).  
July 31 — Lincoln 4c coil, Mandan, N. D.  
July 31 — Lincoln 4c booklet, Wheeling, W. Va.  
July 31 — Reply Postal Card 3c+3c, Boise, Idaho.  
July 31 — Franklin Stamped Envelope 4c, Montpelier, Vt.  
July 31 — Airmail Stamped Envelope 7c, Dayton 1, Ohio.  
July 31 — Airmail Postal Card 5c, Wichita 2, Kans.  
Aug. 1 — Liberty Postal Card 3c, Philadelphia 4, Pa.  
Aug. 15 — Atlantic Cable 4c, New York 1, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120 million).  
Aug. 27 — Lincoln-Douglas Debate 4c, Freeport, Ill.  
Sept. 19 — Lajos Kossuth "Champions of Liberty", 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D.C.  
Sept. 23 — Journalism 4c, Columbia, Mo.  
Oct. 16 — Overland Mail 4c, San Francisco 1, Calif.  
Oct. 16 — Noah Webster 4c, West Hartford, Conn.  
Oct. 27 — Forest Conservation 4c, Tucson, Ariz.  
Nov. 25 — 200th Anniversary of Pittsburgh 4c, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.  
Dec. 12 — John Jay 15c regular, Washington 13, D. C.  
Details as to denomination, color and stamps will be announced when available.

ALREADY ISSUED  
1100 — Gardening 3c, Ithaca, N. Y., March 15.  
— Liberty 8c "Glori", Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.  
1101 — Brussels Exhibition 3c, Detroit, Mich., April 17.  
— Revere 25c regular, Boston, Mass., April 18.  
1105 — Monroe 3c, Montross, Va., April 28.  
1106 — Minnesota Statehood 3c, St. Paul, Minn., May 11.  
1107 — IGY 3c, Chicago, Ill., May 31.  
1108 — Gunston Hall 3c, Lorton, Va., June 12.  
1109 — Mackinac Bridge 3c, Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, Mich., June 25.  
1110-11 — Simon Bolivar "Champions of Liberty", 4c and 8c, Washington, D.C., July 24.

UNITED NATIONS  
Sept. 22 — Postal Card 3c.  
Sept. 22 — Embossed Envelope 4c (two sizes). Selling price is 5c each.  
Oct. 24 — United Nations Day 4c and 8c.  
Oct. 24 — 4c Regular.  
Dec. 10 — Human Rights Day 4c and 8c.

CANADA  
July 30 — National Health 5c (100 per pane, 25 million).  
Aug. 4 — Oil Centennial 5c.  
Sept. 10 — 1st Elected Assembly 5c.  
Sept. 10 — Oil Development 5c.  
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INDIA Airforce (2) ..... 40  
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Norfolk 2 new surcharges ..... 22  
Pakistan Mohammed Iqbal (3) ..... 32  
Papua Local Industries (5) ..... 1.25  
Sudan Arab Congress (3) ..... 45  
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An idea which seems to have merit was suggested by Mrs. Ruby Fung of Sacramento, Calif. Mrs. Fung is of the opinion that the group of stamps to be issued for the Abraham Lincoln 150th Anniversary of Birth celebration be assembled into a souvenir sheet.

She does not comment when the release of such a sheet would be appropriate, but there is at least one occasion when it would be warmly received and that is at the annual ASDA National Postage Stamp Show in New York City in November. The ASDA dedicated its 1954 affair to Lincoln because the 4c of the Liberty series, which bears his portrait, had its release there and then.

Lincoln is large enough in this nation's history to be given all the recognition we can give him.

1. In 1931 there was a commem in honor of the Polish military man who helped us during the Revolution, General Pulaski. What was his first name?  
2. Von Steuben of Prussia was another foreign military man who aided us during the Revolution, and who was honored with a stamp. What was his first name?

Mention was made here last week of the 5c penalty which would be put on postage due mail beginning July 1, in addition to the postage fee which was not paid. The POD has announced that it will suspend that penalty from August 1 to October 31 so that the public can get used to the new rates to go into effect on the former date.

Every now and again a reader who is just beginning in our hobby, especially in United States stamps, asks that a column be started to inform the beginner how to carry on with the formation of a collection. How to buy, how to mount, how to differentiate between look alike stamps and all the other little bits of knowledge pertinent to philately are desired.

Publishers of hobby publications — and I include all of them such as coins, books, photography, antiques, hunting and fishing and the many others — rarely if ever, print beginner sections. The chief reason seems to be that there have been many books written for the tenderfoot from which he can get all such basic information. In book form, he will have that help directly at hand ready for immediate consultation. If published over a series of weeks and months there would clip the data, and in any form would not be usefully collated for instant reference.

Why collectors have generally been reluctant to purchase such informative books and catalogs has always been greatly puzzling to me. The average beginner, and I will include the average collector, needs but two or three books to keep him sailing smoothly.

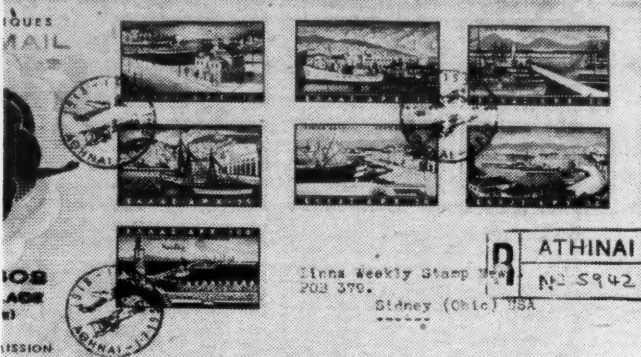
First, he must have a catalog, not necessarily the current edition, but one at least one or two years old. The out-dated ones are much cheaper — they do have a great lot of help in their foreparts (which should be read thoroughly now and again) — and all of the stamps issued from the first to the date of the catalog are included. The only ones missing will be those issued since its publication, but in total, 99.9% of all stamps released since the first will be listed.

A second book would be one of the "How To Collect" volumes of which there have been a fair number. Before one does anything he should read and absorb the information thoroughly.

I don't know how collectors can be induced to use the available literature. It would advance them so quickly and make things so much easier and pleasant. Many flounder around for years never knowing much, how to do much, or educated philatelically enough to help others.

Books beyond the two mentioned would be at the discretion of the individual. If he specializes then he would want books about his specialty. And by that time he would want to be associated with one of the national societies to use the facilities it could provide for him.

What a welcome bit of news is the announcement that the United States and Canada will collaborate and jointly issue a commemorative for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway early



**NEW GREEK AIRMAILS** made their appearance on July 1, seven in the series. They will remain for an indefinite period since they were not a commemorative or other special issue. Pictured in the designs are various ports of the nation, each in several colors. The first day cancellation was out of the ordinary since it publicized the 40th anniversary of airmail service in Greece. P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Pl., Athens, Greece sent the FDC.

in 1959. This one will be an honest - to - goodness interchange of mutually high regard.

That U. S.-Canada Friendship stamp of 1948 which proclaimed a "Century of Friendship", made us look sort of foolish above the border. The 100 years had been accomplished quite some time before that brain storm stamp was ground off the printing press.

One of the stories hanging over from the Gunston Hall commem at Lorton, Va. is interesting. It has been vouched for by two reliable sources.

It seems that the Dames who operate and maintain this obscure place were really going to cash in. They had a place where the stamps would be sold, in their yard, but the only way you could get in to make a purchase would be to pay them 50c per person.

Post Office Department representatives refused this money-grubbing chicanery and set up their accommodations elsewhere.

Just in case you are looking for a new outlet for your philatelic energies, the special reading matter this edition devoted to precancels might provide an idea. Most of the time this specialty can be followed at moderate cost. There are a number of rarities but you can collect right around them if you want and still be in the swim.

Precancellers, at least those with whom I have associated, are about as close to the "pure" type collector as you will find. They enjoy get - together by areas, regions and states — they do a tremendous amount of swapping and other "horse-trading" which all lends to the sociability of their conclaves.

There are many fields which are pursued, including topical. The articles offered this week will reveal a few of them. Should you want further details write to the designated person listed in the directory on page 2.

1. Casimir.  
2. Frederick.

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in the bottom row carry the older "wide" spacing of Types B-11 and  
B-13.

## 8c Liberty Marks Transition In Precanceling Methods Of Bureau After Long Standstill

George Klein

During the year 1954 the Post Office Department began releasing a  
new regular series of postage stamps to replace the old Presidential  
Series of 1938. The first to appear was the 8c bicolor in April 1954,  
followed by the 3c in June of same year. Since both these denominations  
carried the format of the Statue of Liberty, collectors soon nicknamed  
the entire issue "The Liberty Series".

The POD's original announce-  
ment was to the effect that the  
new set would consist of 18 de-  
nominations—1c to 10c, inclusive,  
1/2c, 1 1/2c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, \$1,  
and \$5. However, in 1957 came  
the announcement of two addi-  
tional denominations, 15c and 25c.  
The 25c has now been issued, but  
the 15c will not appear until De-  
cember. Hence, there will be a  
total of 20 denominations and all  
except the \$5 will be, or have  
been, Bureau precanceled.

In August 1954 the Bureau of  
Engraving and Printing in Wash-  
ington filled two orders for Bu-  
reau Precancels on the new se-  
ries. These were the first—3c sheet  
stamps for Kansas City, Mo. and  
Chicago, Ill. As with the old  
Presidentials, both wide type  
(B-11 and B-13) and narrow type  
(B-15 and B-17) precanceling  
plates have been used. The coils  
are in the wide style and the  
sheets are in the narrow type.

In addition to the four stan-  
dard forms mentioned above, a  
new type has appeared on one  
denomination only, the 8c bi-  
color.

This denomination was printed  
on a different press, which  
utilized a different method of  
printing, and it was impossible  
to precancel the stamps on this  
press at the same time as they  
were printed. Hence, an entirely  
different method was used to  
precancel the 8c at the Bureau  
and we get what we call Type  
B-19 (described as "very narrow")  
on this one denomination only.  
To date, eleven different cities  
have been supplied with these 8c  
bicolors precanceled in "very  
narrow" Type B-19.

During the time the Liberty  
Series was in the process of be-  
ing released, the Bureau of En-  
graving and Printing installed  
some new equipment to replace  
the old Stickney presses which  
have printed our stamps and pro-

duced our Bureau precancels  
since 1923.

The first of these new presses  
was manufactured by the Huck  
Company. It was officially known  
as the "Experimental Bicolor  
Rotary Web-Fed" press (EXBI-  
ROW). More recently, it has been  
unofficially named the "Huck  
Press" and evidently that is the  
name it will be known by in the  
future.

Certain denominations of the  
Liberties were originally printed  
on the old Stickney machines.  
Later, new plates were made and  
these denominations are now be-  
ing printed on the new Huck  
Presses. On the other hand, cer-  
tain denominations were printed  
only on the new Huck equipment.  
In retrospect, the change from  
the old facilities to the new  
might appear to have been some-  
what haphazard. However, if one  
will consider each denomination  
individually, along with its first  
day of issue and other pertinent  
facts, he will find the change-  
over was gradual, well planned  
and orderly.

The old metal precanceling  
plates as used on the Stickneys  
would not fit onto the new Huck  
press. Hence, it was necessary to  
make new precanceling plates,  
different in size, make-up and  
material used. (For instance, a  
rubber instead of metal printing  
surface is employed). There re-  
sults, however, so little difference  
in the overall appearance of the  
finished product that only a few  
top flight specialists are bother-  
ing with it.

For all practical purposes, the  
type of overprint from the two  
different presses is the same and  
no differentiation in type de-  
signations have been made by the  
catalog editors.

At this writing, the Liberty  
coils (regular postage) are being  
printed on the new equipment.  
But the coils are also still being

printed on the old Stickney pres-  
ses, on which they are still being  
precanceled. In other words, the  
coil precanceling operation has  
not as yet been moved over to  
the new presses.

Information from a reliable  
source indicates that the type  
of precancel overprint on the  
coils will be changed when the  
Bureau makes new plates for  
precanceling coils on the new  
Huck presses. I am told they will  
be precanceled with the narrow  
types (B-15 and B-17) so they  
will be uniform with the sheet  
stamps. If such a program is  
carried out (which remains to be  
seen), then the present day Lib-  
erty coils (Types B-11 and B-13)  
will be short lived and certain  
ones will probably become very  
scarce and extremely difficult to  
pick up.

If you are looking for a "start-  
ing place" in Bureau Precancels,  
the 1954 Liberty Series will pro-  
vide it. Only approximately 400  
different varieties have been is-  
sued thus far, so there is very  
little "catching up" to do. And  
since the Liberties will quite  
likely be with us for the next  
decade or so, new issues will  
constantly be coming out on this  
series—and new issues add con-  
siderably to the enjoyment of any  
branch of philately.

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are available for the Liberty  
Bureau Precancels. Thus the  
problem of a really attractive al-  
bum for a current issue of stamps  
has been neatly solved.

To date, none of the nearly 400  
Liberties issued has become a  
rarity in any sense. Hence, it  
will not be too tough on the  
pocketbook to get a really repre-  
sentative showing of these  
stamps. The longer you delay  
starting, however, the more it  
will cost, particularly with the  
possibility of the present coils  
becoming obsolete rather quickly.

So now is the time to start your  
Bureau Precancel collection. Start  
with the 1954 Liberties. The  
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Lincoln salvaged national  
prominence from his defeat, and  
two years later gained the presi-  
dential nomination as a result.  
The rest is history.

The second stamp in the se-  
ries will be issued on February  
12, 1959, the 150th anniversary of  
Lincoln's birth. No decision has  
been made as to the remaining  
stamps in this Lincoln Sesquicen-  
tennial series or the dates of  
their issuance.

Designs of the supplemental  
postage devices being used to re-  
value existing stocks of stamped

embossed envelopes to meet in-  
creased postage rates effective as  
of August 1, have been released  
by Postmaster General Arthur  
E. Summerfield.



The 1c design features an eagle  
and a large diagonal numeral "1"  
while the 2c stresses a shield on  
which is superimposed the num-  
eral "2". Both also include the  
word "Cent" or "Cents" and "U.  
S. Postage". They will be im-  
printed on the envelopes as an  
additional denomination through  
the Regional Distributing Offices.



Postmasters have been instruct-  
ed to ship unbroken original fac-  
tory cartons totaling 5000 or more  
to the Revaluation Unit, Regional  
Distributing Office, and to place  
the revalued envelopes on sale  
before using the new 4c postage  
and 7c airmail envelopes.

Present plans do not call for  
the revaluation of existing postal  
cards. Revalued envelopes  
will not be stocked by the Phil-  
atelic Sales Agency in Washing-  
ton, D. C., nor will the 4c postage  
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Buros are a natural result of the use of Precancels and the desire for economy in government. They are printed on two-color presses, one color making the stamp, the other adding the precancelation. Of course, the stamp is produced by recess engraving, but the overprint is from type, and is really and truly "printing".

The feature of any precancel in the U.S. is the name of the town and the state between lines, above and below. This is always neat and readable in Buros.

It must be remembered that each and every Buro is supplied on a specific order sent to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by the Post Office Department. It is really a government issue specially overprinted for use in a particular city, and each is just as much a separate government issue as is any U.S. stamp listed by Scott.

As a matter of fact, each Buro has a "birth certificate" in the form of a listing in the precancel magazines and columns. Each month, the Post Office Department releases the denominations and towns of all Buros sent out to postoffices during that month. You will find these lists in your favorite weekly stamp magazine.

Perhaps we should say a few words about history. I mentioned earlier that Buros were the result of economy. In 1916 the Post Office Department called for an estimated price from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the precanceling of stamps, with a view to having all the work done there for all post offices using four million or more precanceled stamps in a year. There were twenty offices in this class.

At only three of them was the bid of the Bureau lower than the local cost. So an estimated year's supply was ordered for Augusta, Maine; New Orleans, La.; and Springfield, Mass. Not much attention was paid to these Experimentals, as they are now called, and it was not until 1919 that mention of them was made in print.

These Experimentals are of the 1916-17 series of stamps, perf. 10, and are not watermarked.

In May 1923 the first of our regular Buros appeared. This was the New York 1c sheet stamp of the 1922-26 series, perf. 10. In that same year seven other cities were supplied with the 1c sheet stamp.

From that time on orders were accepted from any and all post-offices, for not less than 500,000 of the sheet stamps or 250,000 of the coil stamps of a single denomination, from the 1/2c through the 10c denomination. Later, orders for less than the 500,000 minimum quantity were accepted for higher value stamps, and we now have them up to and including the \$1 value.

Another thing about Buros: it is possible to get a complete collection together. There are only about 6,700 different varieties, and a few more come out each month. There are only about 25 or 30 that are rather scarce, and of the one scarcest of all there are 22 known copies.

The stamps themselves are of the regular postal series, no commemoratives or special deliveries. After the first Experimentals on the 1916 series, perf 10, we have the 1922 series perf 10, later the perf 11x10 1/2, then the Presidentials, Defense, and War sets and now the 1954 set, often called

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Along toward the last of this type a few appeared without serifs, a true Gothic type. These are called the "Old Style" because, in 1927, a new or standard size was adopted for all Buros. We call this New Style the B-11 if in two lines, and B-13 when in three lines. The same style of type is still in use, but on the sheet stamps the distance between lines has been narrowed, so we have the "Wides" and the "Narrows".

An interesting thing can be found on Buros. The same stamp may have different perforations, and different overprints, as re-orders are made. Thus I have a 6c sheet stamp from New York City, 1922 series, perf 10, with a plate number attached.

Then I have the same stamp, same precancelation, same plate number, but perforated 11x10 1/2. Later, I have the same stamp, same plate number, same precancelation, but with the B-11 overprint, making a third stamp, as far as the Buro collector is concerned.

How to start a Buro collection? Most collections start with a packet of from several hundred to as many as two or three thousand varieties. Such lots of stamps are the foundation for both a budding collection and advanced knowledge.

This latter comes to one gradually as the collection grows and begins to include the less common and more valuable stamps. It will be noted that the very common, and slightly more valuable, stamps are very cheap when purchased in packets, yet may run into money when purchased later, separately.

An inexpensive, loose-leaf, ring binder of 50 or 100 pages will serve admirably for one's first album. Blank pages without lines or squares in regular 8 1/2" x 11" size will be adequate. The paper should be reasonably hard finish commercial bond.

A necessary adjunct is the latest catalog, which is used as a guide in laying out the collection, and for planning for the future. More space should be allowed on the sheet for those post offices having more issues than one has examples, and more space for the future for those postoffices showing much activity in the past.

When the collection has grown to a good size, then consideration might well be given to a specially arranged and prepared Buro album, with printed pages and definitely allocated spaces for each specific stamp. There are several of such albums from which to choose.

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Keeping these facts in mind, it is well for the beginner, while concentrating on his singles, to keep his eyes open for stray pairs and blocks which may come his way. He will be glad of it, later on.

In closing this article, may advice is to start collecting Buros. They afford fun and fascination. They are not too difficult to secure or too hard to identify. They have adequate catalogs for guidance and identification, and the many collectors in the field permit much exchanging of duplicates.

To start, get the largest packet you can afford, use the loose-leaf album of your own making, and lay it out with the aid of the catalog. You may concentrate on singles, on your own state, or any way you please. But most of all, GET STARTED!

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# Reminiscences--A Veteran Of 36 Years Of Precancels Looks Backward, Then To The Future

Adolf Gunesch

There are few of us left who can look back over 36 years in Precancels, whether collectors or dealers, and tell the story... Our own first Precancel was a 2c Harding Memorial from Holton, Kans. that came in on a sample copy of a stamp magazine. In this issue we saw so much about the "Black Hardings" which everybody seemed either to collect or to sell that we decided to try our hands on them. In order to raise the necessary funds to build up a real collection, we sold our highly specialized collection of Germany and Colonies. The Rotnem Stamp Co., precancel dealers, got most of the resulting money.

In 1923 we joined the Precancel Stamp Society. Since the Society had a membership drive on, we pitched in and proposed in that one year 102 members, including the late A. F. Gamber, who was president and secretary of the group for a good many years. It was easy to get the members because we traded with Harding precancels with almost everybody.

Sometimes we wonder why the present day members are not doing their share of recruiting. Everybody has at least one or two correspondents who are not members and the membership could be doubled in no time.

The late Victor Rotnem led us into becoming a Precancel stamp dealer, so in 1925 we started the venture that became our life's work. First we broke up our Harding precancel collection, which was then one of the largest. We realized a profit around \$3500 in doing so.

Since we needed a precancel stock badly, we conceived the idea of propositioning the mission houses to sort out the precancels from their stamp mixtures before selling them. We offered them \$2 a pound on paper, which was a good price considering that they were getting only 20c per pound for U. S. stamp mixtures.

We succeeded to our wildest expectations and soon we were getting from 50 to 100 pounds of precancels on paper per month—and those were the good old days when you could really find something in mixtures.

It was a tremendous job for Mrs. Gunesch to wash and sort that many precancels. Later on we had several high school children who sorted after school. Three of them stayed on and learned the trade and were with the company until after the Second World War.

In 1928 we had a real break. We purchased the huge accumulation and collection from Fred Raff consisting mostly of early classics; the purchase price running into five figures. We, or rather precancels, got a tremendous amount of publicity on this deal. All Chicago papers gave us front page publicity; the story was picked up by the Associated Press, and appeared in newspapers all over the country.

From then on precancels seemed to go along at a fast pace. In the midst of the great depression we opened up a store in the downtown district in the old Masonic Temple; until then we had done our business from our home. Everything we touched seemed to go right.

In 1949 the business was incorporated, a strictly family affair. Our daughter Helen had been active in the business until her marriage in 1945. In 1953 another member of the family became active. Harold Gunesch joined the business after he received his honorable discharge from the Marines.

We are not yet through expanding, having just purchased the huge Bureau precancel stock of the late James Boggs of Fairhope, Ala.

While we were dealing in precancels, it seems we always had a personal precancel collection. We built up a complete Bureau precancel collection, including the Experimentals. The last one to come our way was the 6c New Orleans Experimental which we found in small notebook of cheap precancels. We had purchased it from somebody in Texas for \$10 without knowing about this stamp.

One day a Texas customer remarked that he too had his Bureau collection complete except for the 6c New Orleans, which he seemed unable to get. We wrote him jokingly about our copy, stating that it was not for sale unless we were tempted with some real money, say \$250.

Back by return mail came his check, saying he wanted this stamp. What could we do? We had to sell, besides it was in the midst of the great depression when a \$250 sale was not hay. Also, this stamp cataloged only

\$50 and the amount we received was a record price paid for any precancel to that date.

This sale was publicized and the news encouraged others to spend some real money for precancels. We were never afraid to ask the proper amount for any precancel if we knew it was worth it and believe we had a lot to do with stabilizing prices on precancels and taking the field out of the penny ante game.

The most popular branch of Precancel collecting, in fact stamp collecting, are the Bureau Issue Precancels put out by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C. They are printed in one operation and really are just as good U. S. stamps to collect as the Kansas, Nebraska, Molly Pitcher, or Hawaii overprints.

Anyone looking for a clean field to collect from which to derive a lot of enjoyment and profit, should consider U. S. Bureau Issue Precancels.

In 1923 the first such Bureau Issue Precancel stamp made its appearance from New York City. Already in 1926 we carried a monthly listing of new issues in the "Windy City Precancel News", under the heading of Government Precancels, but few collectors paid any attention in those days to this new type of precancel.

The first pages for the Bureau precancels were published by Gordon Bushnell of Indianapolis, the originator of the Precancel Style Chart and publisher of the various Precancel catalogs. But he sold it everything shortly thereafter to the Rotnem Stamp Co. of Minneapolis.

Later on, we believe in 1928, Joseph Gloeb of Omaha, Neb., put out a special album for the Government precancels. After he disappeared from the picture, Hoover Brothers published an album for Bureau precancels but never a complete one.

It was not until 1939 that the Bureau got a real boost when J. Whiteborough of the Garden City Stamp Co., published several styles of the "J. W. Bureau Album" variety for them, whereupon this branch of Precancels really started to boom.

Sixteen years later, in December 1955, Gunesch and Coda joined hands to produce a new and distinctively different Bureau Precancel catalog, known as the Gunesch-Coda Standard Catalog of United States Bureau Issue Precancels. Of the first edition several printings had to be made as more and more collectors and dealers became interested in this branch of stamp collecting.

Never before in the history of Precancels have so many regular stamp dealers stocked a Precancel catalog for sale. The penny-ante game is definitely gone. The time has passed when one could walk into any stamp dealer's store and be permitted to pick out of a box any precancels wanted for a penny each.

In 1956 the publisher Coda came out with album pages for the Presidential, Defense and War Bureau Precancels, punched for 3-ring binders. These are not ordinary pages, but are something new in design and quality with the layouts and stamp numbers based on the Gunesch-Coda Standard Bureau Catalog.

After several hundred Bureau collectors purchased these pages, they wanted something to match for the Bureau precancels issued before the Presidentials. Coda designed some pages for the Large Old Style, as well as the Small Old Style, Bureau Precancels.

Lest some readers get the wrong idea, it's not only U. S. Bureau Precancels that sell or are collected. There are many different groups of Local Precancels which have their followers. The strongest group next to Bureau is the Town and Type collectors, followed closely by the Commemorative Precancel Collectors.

Topical collectors have also taken hold of the Precancel to expand their field. Such items as

the Olympic precancel, Lincoln and Roosevelt, Red Cross precancels, boys' and girls' names and many others that can be found on U. S. stamps in precanceled condition are items that the topical collector wants.

Let's not forget the Synoptic collector either—the chap who collects one of each U. S. stamp according to Scott's but precanceled instead of mint or with ordinary cancellation.

We also have the State and Town specialist, Double Line Electro collector, City Type Coils and many other branches. Many are interested in precanceled airmails; others collect such groups as Presidentials, Defense issues, War issues, Bicentennials. Still others start with the Liberty series, and some want the 8c Liberty from any town that precanceled them.

Precancel collecting is a wide-open field, with a world of pleasant experiences yours for the taking. An abundance of good material, a host of good friends, await your approach.

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## Precancels And My Texas Towns

Margaret Lippincott

When I came to the state of Texas a few years ago I lugged along a shoe box full of precancels—but absolutely no knowledge about them. Nor did I know much about the average Texas town, except that it sprawled out in the hot Texas sun, while the streets of the larger cities seemed even hotter.

But that same heat was one of the reasons for my choosing to live in Texas in the first place; and that old shoe box full of precancels proved to be an ace up my sleeve. Through its contents I have formed some fine friendships with real honest-to-goodness Texans from all over this huge state, and I have learned much of interest about their towns.

A complete collection of Texas Towns consists of 645 local precancels. It has only one stamp per town, in any type and/or denomination desired. I have managed to locate 633 of them, and I make no apology for those few remaining empty spaces in my album. No longer, now, do those towns represent just names on a map to me. When I glance at them, my pages spring to life!

Of course, everybody in Texas knows that Dallas is "BIG D". And Fort Worth is "COWTOWN", because it was an important cattle stop on the old Chisholm Trail. But did you ever hear of Cuero, where they hold an annual "Turkey Trot" down the main street; or know that a life-size statue of "Popeye" stands in Crystal City, heart of the spinach area?

Brownsville claims the title of the southernmost point in the whole U.S.A., while Denison shines as the birthplace of President Eisenhower. Laredo can claim the International Bridge, and also a thriving burro industry; and close to Goldwaite is a reindeer ranch.

I'll bet few folks in Missouri know that a certain Texas town by name of Marshall was once the capital of the State of Missouri!

Near Rockport stands the oldest live oak in Texas, it being estimated to be between 2000 and 3000 years of age. Zapata has the distinction of being both very old and very new. Falcon Dam covers the site of the old Zapata.

Many Texas town names recall to mind such famous heroes as Bowie, Austin, Crockett, Houston, Brady, and Breckenridge—but have you learned of Gonzales, from which 32 unknown heroes rode to get into the Alamo and fight until death? How did old Spindletop give Beaumont its claim to fame?

No Texas billionaire is going to flunk that one! He could undoubtedly give you the exact date in January 1901 that the oil gusher came in. It took "Cactus Jack" Garner, one-time Vice President of the U. S. to put Uvalde on the map, while the town of Kingsville is named after a million-acre ranch.

I can let my imagination run riot, and conjure up some tall tales for the places like Mesquite, Spur, Muleshoe, Goose Creek, Seminole, Comanche, and their like, but probably none of them would come anywhere close to the real-life stories of the early settlers of those towns. I have further discovered that a Texan of 135 million years ago, the dinosaur, obligingly left his giant 26-inch footprint in the stone bed of the Paluxy near Glen Rose, for the amazement of today's citizens.

If you want some good relaxation, try making up a Precancel Town collection from your favorite state, and see what turns up. In my own case, in spite of my enthusiasm for Town collecting and for all of Texas, there's a sad ending to this tale—there is just one known copy of a Texas precancel Local for the town of Palo Pinto—and its owner, I have discovered, is in no mood to part with it!

## North Hudson Society Installs 1958 Officers

The North Hudson Philatelic Society, North Bergen, N. J. celebrated its 25th anniversary at a recent meeting which took the form of a banquet. Albert Margolies, master of ceremonies, installed the 1958 officers as follows:

Mrs. Lillian Lotz, president; Rudolph Vanacek and Robert Van Wagenen, vice presidents; Jacob Kaplan, secretary; and Joseph A. Berinoto, treasurer.

Mrs. Lotz upon being installed presented honorary memberships to eight charter members of the club: Joseph A. Berinoto, Mrs. Dorothy Burr, Adolph Klingenstein, Albert P. Margolies, Dr. Noah Mayerson, Dr. Louis Pentel, Alfred Schultz, and Mrs. Minnie Trott.

## Notes From Israel

Pierson Ostrow

One of Israel's latest postal cards (issued June 3) bears a vignette showing the new home of the Chief Rabbinate of Orthodox Jewry in Israel. The building, a seven-story structure, was dedicated on May 8. The event was commemorated with a special cancellation placed in use on the same day.

The "Hekhal Shelomo" is situated on the highest hill in the New City of Jerusalem. It cost \$1,665,000 to build. Not only will it provide elaborate offices for the head Rabbis; it will also contain a research and information center, a religious library and a center for religious foundations abroad. In the small synagogue which is a part of the structure is a platform which originally formed part of an ancient synagogue in Padua, Italy.

Also on May 8, in sharp contrast, a special sports cancel was used to mark "Post Office Workers Sports Day". The cancellation shows a runner superimposed on the stag which is a symbol of the Israel postal system.

A few days earlier (May 5), another pictorial marker paid tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Agricultural settlements in the Emek Hajaraden region. On May 20 a third called attention to the Village Fair at Kefar Batya, and five different counties began to use a cancel urging postal patrons to address their letters carefully and clearly.

A philatelic exhibition at Asqueelon was publicized with a strike beginning June 1. On the following day a cancel which reproduces the seven-branched candlestick honored the 70th Anniversary of the B'Nai B'rith Lodge of Israel. And on June 16, a large "10" design reminded Israelis that this year is the 10th in a "Learn Hebrew" campaign.

On June 13, a commemorative postmark was released at Ramat Gan to call attention to Israel's 10th Anniversary Exhibition. It differs from the one used on the first day of Israel's new Exhibition Building stamp of July 2, but serves the same purpose—to remind postal users of the elaborate Exposition building which opened in Jerusalem on June 5.

Within three weeks 150,000 visitors passed through it—an impressive number for the little State of Israel. The exhibition will run for eleven weeks, but the building itself will be a permanent structure.

Three first flights took place on May 21: Israel-Warsaw, Israel-Belgrad and Israel-Budapest. Each was marked by a special cachet. A new mobile post office—Ha-Elia—was opened May 7. The Kefar Yona post office began operations on June 17.

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Precancel collectors will welcome the news that the huge Hoover Brothers stock is now being put in shape for marketing by the New Town Precancel Stamp Club, Box 25, Quaker Hill, Conn. Its display ad in this issue gives full details. Hugh C. MacDonald, secretary of the club, says want lists will be handled, and approvals submitted when requested.

An unusual cachet offer is made by Tri-Color Cachets, Morris W. Beck, principal, P. O. Box 116, Whitewater, Wis. It consists of a full set of cachets noting the birth and death anniversaries of all the presidents, with printing in three colors. He also has his own design FD covers for current and new adhesives. Send stamped envelope for details.

While it was so slight that it caused no difficulties in mail reaching him promptly, it should be mentioned that the June 30 approval ad of David F. Lister, 507 Besserer St., Ottawa 2, Canada left of the final "r" of the street name. His free \$1 To-tem offer has expired, and he currently is offering gratis the Canada 15c UPU item.

His first Italian Area mail auction is being offered by Pierson Ostrow, Box 57, Burlington, Vt. Long known as a specialist in the field, this popular dealer has assembled 250 lots of choice material in various price ranges for his September 5 sale. Copies

## SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers might want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

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L. J. Lewinson, 1234 Belmont Terrace, Jacksonville 7, Fla. offers his new list No. 37 of U. S. emissions, with special emphasis on cut squares and entires from 1907 to date. He states also that his office will be closed for several weeks beginning August 19. Mail will be forwarded to him, however, during his extensive buying trip.

Collectors who noted the George H. Goldey, Sr. item in this column of July 14 are reminded to correct their records regarding the address given there. Properly, it is P. O. Drawer 577, Canton, Texas; any who have had mail returned should post in again to this address. Mr. Goldey deals in covers of the world, especially the Polar and Eisenhower specialties.



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C1	35	C32	50	C8	50	C103	16	C166	05	C196	04	C221H	10	C241	04
C2	35	C33	55	Nica-	50	C104	20	C167	04	C197	03	C221K	20	C242	03
C3	45	C34	65	ragua	50	C105	35	C168	05	C198	04	C221L	10	C243	03
C4	45	C35	75	C7	18	C106	08	C169	06	C199	03	C221G	10	C244	15
C5	50	C36	2.25	C18	03	C107	15	C170	09	C200	14	C221J	12	C245	08
C6	70	C37	1.75	C21	65	C108	10	C171	04	C201	15	C221M	20	C246	04
C7	70	C38	2.75	C92	04	C109	25	C172	03	C202	15	C221N	20	C247	04
C8	1.25	C39	1.25	C93	04	C110	25	C173	03	C203	15	C221P	20	C248	04
C9	1.50	New	C94	03	C111	70	C174	04	C204	15	C221Q	20	C249	04	
C10	3.50	Zealand	C95	04	C112	05	C175	04	C205	15	C221R	20	C250	18	
C11	7.50	C1	1.75	C96	12	C113	15	C176	04	C206	15	C221S	20	C251	15
C12	4.00	C2	1.50	C97	03	C114	30	C177	03	C207	15	C221T	20	C252	20
C13	7.50	C3	2.50	C98	06	C115	12	C178	03	C208	15	C221U	20	C253	50
C14	15	C4	60	C99	10	C116	12	C179	03	C209	15	C221V	20	C254	12
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C168	05	C198	04	Imperf.		C243	03
C170	06	C199	03	C221G	10	C244	15
C171	05	C200	14	C221J	12	C245	08
C175	04	C210	15	C221J	20	C246	04
C176	03	C214	25	C221K	20	C247	04
C177	03	C215	04	C221M		C248	18
C178	04	C216	05	C222	140	C249	18
C179	04	C216A	05			C250	18
C180	03	C219	05	C223	04	C251	15
C181	05	C221A	08	C224	05	C252	20
C185	10	C221B	10	C225	06	C253	50
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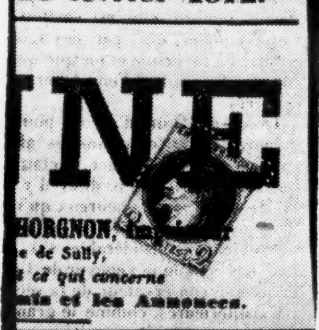
C. R. Higby

Several years ago, in a brief introductory article on foreign precancels I started off by quoting a statement made by Pierre Chevalier in a precancel study appearing in a French publication. Time has not changed the truth in this introduction. "Lasses des émissions massives, les collectionneurs ont tendance à revenir à des timbres plus ou moins délaissés jusqu'ice et, notamment, aux roebli-teres."

"Tired of the massive new issues, collectors seem to have a tendency to be more interested in what up to now have been more or less forgotten stamps, namely precancels."

It appears to me that regardless of what your particular collecting interests happen to be, precancels can form an integral and important part of your collection. Many you can find in your favorite dealer's penny mix box but the majority will demand perseverance and research to add that connoisseur's touch to your collection or exhibition. What do you collect?

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France. The precancels of France are partially listed in every catalog published there and form an integral part of a complete collection. You can start with the newspaper print impressions of 1853 through 1908, the roulettes of 1893, the POSTES-PARIS and POSTES-FRANCE of 1920-1922, and end with the modern issues from 1922 right up to today as they are still being used on bulk mailings. In fact some of the regular issues can be found only precancelled. Algeria, Monaco and Tunis must also be included because they too use precancels.



Belgium. Another European country which is currently using precancels is Belgium. They started back in 1893 with a roller with the town name enclosed in a rectangular box for the same reason they were started in this country. More than 100 different towns used these devices and they proved so economical that in 1906 the government started to print their precancels at the government printing office at Malines. This is another parallel with the United States, so we find both City types and Bureau prints as we know them here.

Why should the general Belgium collector be satisfied with only the beautiful postal and semipostal issues when he can tour the country with his precancels and their delightful sounding names in French and Flemish like Fontaine l'Éveque, Forest lez Bruxelles, Sichez lez Diest, Wygmael and Marchienne au Pont?

Canada. What's all this business about plate numbers? If it's numbers you like, today Canadian precancels are identified for their town names by numbers; 1470 is St. Hyacinthe, Quebec; 7120 is Moose Jaw, Sask.; 1891, Trois Rivières, Quebec, and so on. You can go back to 1888 when a lined hand stamp was used to identify precancels, or the "between period" when the town name was spelled out in full.

United States and Possessions. I believe that all of us have a few precancels included in our favorite U. S. collections—perhaps a few of the classics, or our home town or state, or Bureau prints, or maybe our topical selection, flowers, Indian names, presidents, any number of subjects. And how about our possessions? Precancels from Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone should not be ignored.

United Nations. With all the ballyhoo evident recently in the philatelic press about the postal issues of the United Nations, how many know that the Columbia

University Press applied to the New York City Post Office for a permit to mail within the United States at a reduced rate of postage by using precancels? When the permit was granted and the work completed and delivered to the customer, ready for stamping, they, the United Nations disregarded the permit regulations entirely and affixed UN stamps (precancelled) and deposited the mail in the UN Post Office. Yes, it was delivered, but without question, illegally.



Luxembourg. This tiny, beautiful country also used precancels between 1900 and 1925. These elusive little bits of postal paper numbered only 153 major varieties but even the postal museum in Luxembourg doesn't have a collection. Nevertheless they are listed in all specialized catalogs of that country and command surprisingly high prices. They will even pick up a blue ribbon for you at a precancel exhibition or a Luxembourg showing.

Netherlands. The precancels of Holland are not too well known. They were not recognized as such until after they were discontinued and as they were of only the lower values, the majority ended up in bulk mixtures distributed throughout the world. Hence they can be found most anywhere. They were used between 1912 and 1919 by some 85 different cities.

Normally the stamps were placed on strips of newspaper wrappers or tags and precancelled in bulk. These strips were then severed and placed on the individual newspaper, no further cancellation being necessary.

A few of these old devices are still in use although not for precancelling. They are employed on parcel post, so you may run across one of them on present day issues. If you want a harder task, go back to the 1876 issue and seek a copy with an extra line of perforations, usually from s'Hertogenbosch (the Duke's Woods). This is a real precancel.

German States. While in London some time ago, one of Mr. Harmer's assistants advised me that on any number of occasions, auction buyers had returned Hanover covers because they had a double cancellation, one not being tied to the cover although the other was. If they had only known! These were one of the earliest forms of precancelling.

It appears that in those days the heavy hand of authority fell on the poor postal clerk who forgot to cancel the stamps on the few letters he had to handle. History does not tell us which of these lowly gentlemen figured out the idea of cancelling all of his stamps in stock before they were sold so that there was no opportunity of forgetting this most important duty.

The idea soon spread over the countryside, and stamps can be found from some 24 different offices including Buxtehude, Osterholz, Ritzebüttel, and Zeven. Oldenburg, Hamburg, Prussia and a few other stamp issuing countries also prepared precancels in the same fashion. A common method was by using a straight edge and a pen and drawing two inked lines across the entire sheet.

Roman States. Not too well known in this country although they were completely written up in "Il Corriere Filatelico" in July and August of 1940 are the precancelled stamps of the old Roman States. In order to keep unauthorized persons from stealing stamps from the various convents and churches who had to account to Rome periodically (or perhaps to keep the adhesives from being used on personal mail) Rome actually cancelled the stamps

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# Philippines Schedule August Semipostals

A pair of compulsory Health stamps carrying surtaxes for the benefit of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society has been announced for August 19 release, according to the Philippine Bureau of Posts. The official decree authorizing the issue provides further for the mandatory use of one of these adhesives on every piece of mail posted August 19-September 30 annually, henceforth.



The design shows the main hospital building of the Quezon Institute, with a portrait of the late President Quezon at upper left and the double-barred cross at upper right. Values are 5c plus 5c, green with red cross, and 10c plus 5c, purple with red cross. Editions will be 50 and 10 million, respectively.

A cachet and special postmark will be applied to first day covers, states the official news releases. Stamps and first day covers may be ordered from the Chief, Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila. Orders must include all costs of stamps, envelopes if any, and return postage, and must be remitted in U. S. dollars. The rate is 2 Pesos to the \$1 U. S.

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# Antarctic Pair From Chile July 2

A Chilean contribution to the philatelic IGY parade took the form of a pair of identical design released July 2, according to examples supplied by Guillermo Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile.

Initial printings were 5 million of each, but it is stated either or both will be reprinted if circumstances warrant. They are a 10 Peso regular in blue and a 20P. violet airmail. The design depicts a section of a South Polar view of the globe with the area of Chile indicated. An appropriate legend on a scroll occupying more than half the area of the design completes it.

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Alabama	c Medora	a Okolono
d Albertville	d Oil Hill	a Pierpont
Arkansas	a Okolis	b Leroy
*a Texarkana, Ark-Tex	c Pigua	c Windsor
California	*d Prescott	c Oklahoma
a Armona	a Rock Creek	c Caddo
c Associated	Kentucky	*d Elk City
a Citrus Heights	a Edmontont	*c Enid
c Decoto	d Junction City	b Tuskahoma
*a El Centro	b North Middle-town	Oregon
d Pedro Valley	Louisiana	*d North Portland
a Romoland	*c Alexandria	Pennsylvania
*c San Fernando	*c Bunkie	a Collegeville
*c Temple City	Maryland	a Cornwall
Colorado	c Midlothian	*bc Donora
*d Johnstown	Massachusetts	d Irvine
c Norwood	*c Brockton	a Jacobus
Connecticut	Michigan	a Milesburg
*a Fairfield	b Tekonsha	c Titusville
c South Britain	d Temperance	d Sutersville
*d Wallingford	Minnesota	a York Springs
Florida	a Chanhassen	South Carolina
*c Graceville	*d Newport	c Camden
a Naples	Mississippi	South Dakota
a Naranja	a Crenshaw	c Deadwood
c Princeton	Nebraska	Tennessee
b Seffner	a Amherst	*a Chattanooga
Georgia	a Anselmo	d Eaglesville
c Fairmont	*c Elm Creek	Texas
d Pine Mountain	*b Plattsmouth	*c Abilene
Idaho	*b Taylor	a Bedford
*a Weiser	New Hampshire	*b Gorman
Illinois	c Elkins	*c Hubbard
d Bristol	*b Portsmouth	*b Jacksonville
*a Carmi	New Jersey	*b Laredo
c De Soto	*c Bound Brook	*c Mount Enterprise
*c Findlay	*d Montclair	a Texarkana, Ark-Tex
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*a Mount Sterling	c Point Pleasant	*c Clearfield
*c National Stock Yards	c Readington	Vermont
*d New Athens	a Wayne	c Barnet
*b Princeton	c Zarepath	*d Sheldon Springs
c Rossville	New York	Virginia
*b Taylorville	*d Boston	*c Norton
d Wilsonville	*d Endicott	d Port Republic
Indiana	*d Floral Park	Washington
*a Dublin	*c Forestville	*d Bellingham
a Dunreith	d Harriman	*a Dryden
a Gwynneville	d Jacksonville	*c Ferndale
*a Huntertown	a Mount Vernon	a Kettle Falls
Kansas	*b Staten Island	West Virginia
*a Beloit	*b White Plains	*d Charles Town
*a Croweburg	North Carolina	d Fayetteville
c Duluth	b Hanes	d Gauley Bridge
a Franklin	*c Jamestown	d Mill Creek
d Horton	Ohio	c Ona
*c Hunnewell	*d Deerfield	a Osage
b Kelley	*d Lowellville	Wisconsin
		e Germantown

## MAHONING VALLEY MEET

The Mahoning Valley Stamp Club's annual exhibition and bourse will be held September 20-21 at the Butler Art Institute, Youngstown, Ohio. Along with this fine show will be a spot for the members of the Western Pennsylvania Precancel Society and the members of the Central Ohio Precancel Club. Last year over thirty precancel collectors attended this meet and a tremendous amount of swapping was accomplished.

## NOTES

The "Pacific Northwest Newsletter" in with a 2c Liberty from Caldwell, Idaho. And the "Keystoner", bulletin of the Western Pennsylvania club in with a pair of West Newton, Pa. 1c Liberties.

Canada-U. S. In  
New Issue Accord

Discussions of historic significance in the postal relations between Canada and the United States took place July 11 in Ottawa, Canada in the form of a meeting between postal and stamp design experts, totalling 16 of both countries.

The sole item of business was a U. S. proposal that the two powers join in issuing a commemorative postage stamp to mark the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway early next year. This will be the first time in Canadian-U. S. history that the two countries will join in issuing a postage stamp embodying the same basic design.

(Editor's note: While it is true that the two nations concerned have never yet taken such a step, the idea was considered in 1914 as a tribute to the first century of peaceful neighborliness between them. A set of at least four suggested designs, two for each, was drawn up. But the outbreak of World War I brought the abandonment of that project, just as the beginning of World War II terminated the U. S. plans to note the centenary of the first postage stamp.)

Heading the United States delegation and representing Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield was L. Rohe Walter, his Special Assistant, who acted as joint chairman of the meeting with Postmaster General William Hamilton of Canada. Mr. Walter is also liaison officer of the U. S. Post Office Department with the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, a number of whose members were also present at the meeting.

Mr. Hamilton, in welcoming the U. S. representatives, stated that while it was sheer coincidence that the meeting was being held while President Eisenhower was a visitor in Ottawa, it pointed up in a compelling way the truth of the President's statement in the House of Commons that despite dissimilarities in form, the governments of Canada and the United States are developing and increasingly using effective ways to consult and act together.

With the President also expressing the view that the "Seaway is a monument to what can be achieved through the common efforts of two sovereign nations," it was not to be entirely unexpected that a proposal should come from PMG Summerfield that the two countries join in issuing a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the opening of the Seaway next year. This proposal Mr. Hamilton, on behalf of the government of Canada, heartily welcomed and accepted.

During the course of the meeting, agreement was reached unanimously on the basic design of the new stamp and other questions relating to it. Comprising the U. S. group in addition to Mr. Walter were Ervine Metzel, H. L. Lindquist, Arnold J. Copeland, and W. H. Buckley, all of New York; Sol Glass of Baltimore, Franklin R. Bruns and Donald R. McLeod, both of Washington and Bernard Davis of Philadelphia.

In addition to Mr. Hamilton, the Canadian representatives were Deputy Postmaster General G. A. Boyle, J. R. Carpenter, Donald Buchanan, D. M. Coolican, O. E. R. Malcolm, A. L. Pollock and Gerald Trotter.

Brazil Honors  
World Champions

Brazil's capacity to house and entertain large scale international conventions exceeds that of its stamp printing presses to produce commemoratives to publicize and honor them. An example of this is the 2.50Cr. sepiia released July 10 for the International Investment Congress held at Belo Horizonte, June 23 to 26.



Its design pictures half of a flattened globe and dedicatory wording.

The Congress had delegates from many nations all in Brazil to learn how they could extend their commercial and economic ties within that country. This information and copies of the stamps were sent by Manoel F. da Motta, Largo do Machado 11, Catete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Also expected is a stamp for the 47th Interparliamentary Congress Union which will be in session from July 24 to August 1. It will be staged in the Palacio Tiradentes, the nation's House of Congress. Representatives from 46 countries have registered.

All out philatelic honors will go to the Brazilian Football Team (soccer) which defeated the Russian team for the world championship, and never lost a contest in the series of games. The greatest victory in the nation's history will have a set of three.

In reporting the return of the team Mr. da Motta states that a national holiday was declared with all business being suspended. Congress passed an act granting each player an apartment, furnished, in gratitude. Many firms and industries gave cash and other gifts to the players to such an extent that they could retire from active money-earning at this time, for life. Since the athletes are of families of the lower and less well-to-do classes the matter of gifts and contributions was popular.

Paraguayan Set For  
Prexy Inauguration

Paraguay has announced August 1 as first day of issue for a new series of adhesives to mark the inauguration for a new term of the nation's president, Gen. Alfredo Stroessner. The set will have both regulars and airs, according to the official news release.

Regular values will be in denominations of 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, and 75c, and 5 and 10 Guaranies. Airmails will be 12, 18, 23, 36, 50, and 65G. The Guaraní is valued at 110 to the \$1 U.S.

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## Hint To Beginners: Collect City Types

Dale Besom

Most of Linn's readers know that Precancels fall into two classes: Bureau prints and City types, or, if you wish, City types are also called Local types or just plain Locals. The Bureaus are printed in Washington by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, while the City types are printed by the local postmaster in the town where they are used.

When a large quantity of a precancel is needed, the postmaster can order from Washington; however, most of the medium and small post offices do not require large quantities and do their own printing of precancels.

Should some of you non-precancel stamp enthusiasts be considering a Precancel collection, I believe you would be wise to favor City types instead of Bureau prints. I'm sure you would find more fun in it.

Bureaus can become pretty routine; you can subscribe to a new issue service and send your want list of the older issues to any number of dealers who will be able to supply most of your wants.

Such is not the case with City type precancels. A lot of good ones can be salvaged from the wastebasket, or the kid collector next door might turn up some nice items for you. Unlike Bureau prints, where you know what has been issued, City types can show up from most any postoffice with no warning whatsoever.

In City types you always have stamps other collectors need, and they in turn have stamps you need. No one ever completes a large collection of City types, because you don't know what all has been issued and new ones are coming out all the time. It is a lot of fun. As in other stamp fields, if you buy wisely, you won't do too badly when you sell.

There are countless ways to collect City types. Years ago, the most popular City type collection was the general one where you kept one of each precancel from everywhere. This form has faded in recent years because of the huge task of trying to keep up with it. A few still collect general; I would imagine they are having as much, or more, fun than the specialized collector.

The most popular City type collection at the present time is that known as a Town collection; one precancel from each of as many different towns as possible. This method is especially easy for the non-precancel collector to follow in breaking into precancels, because very little, if any precancel knowledge is required.

Closely related to Town collections is what we call Type collecting. In a Type collection, you try for one each of all precancel types from all precancel using offices. A Type collection makes a better collection than the Town variety, because you will have to gather some precancel knowledge as you go along.

Another approach that is interesting to the new precancel collector is the State denomination collection. Here you try for one stamp of each denomination, through the \$1 value, from all the states and, if you wish, the territories and Washington, D.C. This can include as many stamp issues as you want. Most collectors start with the 1917, perf 11 issue and carry it through all the regulars. The following is an example of how it would work out on any given state: The 1917 issue contains 18 different stamps. The 1922 perf 11 set has 23; the 1923, perf 10, eleven. The 1926-31 compounds would add 25 more; the Washington Bicentennials (most collectors include them) would add another dozen.

The Prexies, Defense, and War Issues would total 36 more, making the grand total needed to complete any one state 125 stamps. Multiply this by the 48 states and you have 6,000 different stamps needed to complete your State denomination collection. It would take a while to complete the above collection, to say nothing a lot of digging and scratching. Incidentally, it could be housed very nicely in one album.

As stated earlier, there are countless ways to collect City types. Some specialize in very narrow fields, such as the 13c apple green. Others like fractionals, 1/2, 1 1/2, and 4 1/2c, or perhaps the 3c Stuart. I have seen nice collections of the Kansas and Nebraska overprints,

also of commemoratives. This could go on forever!

I believe the acme in City type collecting is a State collection, or a group of states. Here, one wants every precancel from the chosen state or states. A good State collection is a joy to behold. Moreover, in building it up one will acquire a lot of precancel knowledge and can truly call himself a precancel collector.

## FANTASIA

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before they were supplied to the various ecclesiastical units under their jurisdiction.

Individual letters showing this use are not uncommon but complete sheets which have come down intact through the years are. One such set was auctioned by Heinrich Kohler of Berlin in 1957.

**Austria.** The Newspaper Tax Stamps of Austria are fairly well known to the collecting fraternity as being precancelled by the text of the newspaper on which they did duty. But not too well known is the postal stationery used by the "Deutsche und Osterreichischen Alpenverein" (German and Austrian Alp Federation of mountain climbers) for the information bulletin mailed to all members.

These items can be found from the 1903 issue through the 1920/21 Mercury issue making some 300 varieties in a complete collection. A real classic is the 1 Kronen Newspaper Tax Stamp of 1858 from Lombardy-Venetia also found precancelled by the text of the newspaper on which it did duty, as is the French stamp shown previously with this article.

**Norway.** Another classic in the precancel category is Norway No. 1. This is known on piece in a great collection on which the famous jeweler, Faberge, attached a note explaining that the stamp had been cancelled before being affixed to the letter much in the same manner as the early German State precancels.

**Switzerland.** Not too well publicized are the cancellations used at Buhler during the 1850's and 1860's, also in the same manner as the German State issues. Certain local stamps are also known with printed precancellations but the way and the wherefore thereof remain unknown to the present.

**Germany.** In 1938 a postal machine was invented which affixed actual postal stamps to commercial mail and cancelled the stamp in the same operation. These were known as "Frankiermaschinen" and were used by over 1,500 different German concerns. They can be identified by the number used or assigned to the individual concern, plus a small circle and four dots between two wavy lines.

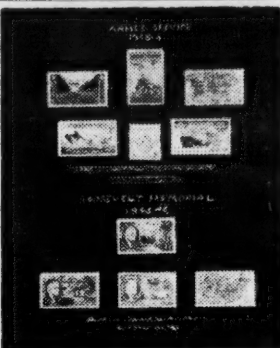
**England.** From the 1880's, large newspaper offices in London and a few smaller towns used a special cancellation applied to printed or adhesive postage stamps on the newspaper wrappings before the newspaper was inserted. One of the largest users was W. H. Smith & Sons of London; the Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford "Mercury" was another. British postage stamps being valid for revenue purposes are quite often precancelled by hotels, public utilities, and such for use on invoices.

**Portuguese Nyassa.** In 1918 when the British forces were based at the port of Mtangula, the twelve then current Nyassa pictorials were precancelled for their use. This precancel device was a squared circle type of hand-stamp with the word "Nyassaland" at the top, the date in two lines in the center and over this the number of the Field Post Office preceded by the letters "FF".

Many other isolated instances of the use of precancels could be documented such as the Cape of Good Hope, Cyprus, Danzig, Turkey, and Venezuela. The above, however, will give everyone interested a general idea of the scope of precancels and how they will fit into most every collection.

Specialized articles on various precancels have appeared in this and other leading stamp publications on many occasions. In fact, there are several journals published in the United States and various foreign countries, devoted entirely to the subject. Therefore, this article is limited to a few general remarks to show the broad extent of precancelled stamps.

We hope you found it interesting and if any reader should like to learn more about the subject in some particular or specialized field, the writer would be more than happy to pass along what information he may have. In the meantime, as the English would say, "Good Hunting".



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## When The Name Is The Same

K. M. Gierhart

In this edition of Linn's you will read about the various types of Precancel collections that can be formed. Too, you will be told that Precancel collecting is fascinating and interesting. This is true and if you are convinced enough to try some phase let me add this little piece of advice:

Condition your thinking to the Precancel field.

Do not expect it to be the same narrow confine you have experienced in your activities in other fields of philately. It's not a matter of "having money", sending a want list to a dealer and then mounting the stamps you have bought. Except in a few instances, it's not that easy.

You will have to go out after the material you want and in the "going out" you are liable to make finds and new discoveries. The Precancel field still has a lot

of things to be discovered in it. True, the discoveries might not make the front pages of a stamp journal, but they surely give the discoverer a sense of satisfaction that is reward enough for the effort put forth.

Some years ago in checking the state Town Lists of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, I noted that in these three states there were many towns of the same names. Despite the unkind things said about our postal department it still is to its credit that more mail is not misdirected than is.

This will become more apparent to any one if he or she will follow the little idea of collecting the precancels of the U. S. from cities and towns of the same names. As in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, so there are all over the 48 states, towns and cities of the same names. Collecting them could be made into a highly interesting precancel collection without the hobbyist's having to know all there is to know about precancels.

Two things mainly are necessary: a knowledge of just what is a precancel, and the ability to cull the few near-precancels from the real ones. Also, one must

have a Town List of all the authorized towns in the U. S. Two such are available, the Gunesch-Coda and the Noble. Newly added towns are generally listed in the stamp journals. They can be checked into your Town list from time to time.

Then, of course, you need some kind of a loose-leaf album. Plain pages or the ones with squares 30 or 36 to a page should be suitable.

It would be my advice not to mount any city until you get at least two of its stamps. Mount in alphabetical order, leaving plenty of space for extra towns.

Join some Precancel club if you desire to swap extensively. (The PSS has a fine Exchange Department). This type of collection could be just plain fun without end.

To review some of the possibilities, let us look at some of the more readily available cities of the same name. We shall mention just a few at random, and while you are reading this you probably are thinking of several that you will want to check on.

I believe I once read that there are 16 cities and towns in the U. S. with the name of Springfield.

Possibly not all will be users of precancels but there will be quite a few. There is a Springfield in Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri.

Then what about Salem! Columbus is in Ohio, Indiana and Georgia; Cleveland, Ohio and Tennessee; Richmond, Virginia and Indiana. There will be some decisions you will have to make. Some places will be almost alike, possibly pronounced alike, but spelled differently. You will have to decide what you will do about places like these.

There is Cincinnati, Ohio, and then there is a Cincinnati, N.Y. Pittsburgh is in Pa., but in California and Kansas it's spelled Pittsburg. There are a Tyro, Kansas, and a Tiro, Ohio. There are others.

To ramble a little more, you will find Paris in Ohio, Texas and Tennessee. And Nevada (town name, not the state) you will find in Ohio, Iowa and Missouri. To tell you more would take all the fun out of this type of collecting.

I feel a collection of this sort is ideal for these reasons: it is not too big so that you will become discouraged because you can't

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★ 81-4, 109-110, 112 (1897-1907) 8.05 2.50

★ 87-88 (8p & 10p Jubilee) 15.00 4.50

★ 102-108 (1906 Nelson Cpt) 19.80 7.00

MU 102-8 (Nelson-To 2 1/2p value) 7.25 1.90

★ 109, 116-123 (1906-12 vals.)	10.53 3.00
★ 110-112 (1907 Nelson Cpt)	7.00 3.00
★ 116-124 (1912-To 1sh green)	13.53 5.00
★ 127-37 (1916-18, To 2sh val.)	14.70 5.75
★ 127-36 (Colony Seal-To 1sh)	10.20 3.00
★ 140-49 (1920 Victory-To 2sh)	15.95 5.90
★ 140-43, 51-6, 65-7, 69-70, 72-4	7.21 2.00
★ 165-78 (Less 172, 177 vals.)	11.20 3.75
BASUTOLAND ★ 18-28 (Cpt set)	7.15 2.90
BECHUANALAND ★ 1 (1886 4p)	5.00 3.00
★ 1 (1886 4p blue Overprint)	4.00 2.50
MU 3-8 (Cpt less Top value)	16.75 5.25
MU 11-15, 18 (1887 Victoria's)	11.80 2.75
MU 12-14, 16, 18 (1887 vals.)	8.45 2.00
★ 13-14, 60-61 (1887-89 vals.)	6.85 2.00
★ 19 (5sh green-1887 Victoria)	10.00 3.00
★ 41 (Numeral Strip of 4)	4.00 1.50

BECH. PROT. ★ 64 (1889-4p

on 4p)

★ 105-116 (George V Cpt-1932) 30.85 12.00

★ 124-35 (George VI-To 5sh) 3.90 1.50

BERMUDA MU 1-2, 3A-4 (1865)

★ 49, 51 (2sh, 4sh vals. 1920)

★ 55-58, 64-69 (Commems)

★ 109 (Scarce 1938 2p Yacht)

BR. CENTRAL AFR. ★ 56 (10

pound)

★ 60-67 (1903-4 To 10sh val.)

BR. COL. YANCOVER ★ 4

(VF)

★ 105-116 (George V Cpt-1932) 30.85 12.00

★ 124-35 (George VI-To 5sh) 3.90 1.50

BR. EAST AFR. ★ 40 (Dble

OVpt.)

★ 72-87 (1906-1907 Cpt G-F)

★ 103-4 (2r, 3r 1898 vals.)

★ 107 (10 rupee bistre-Good)

★ 107 (10r-Revenue cancell)

BR. GUIANA ★ 26A (Imperf Error)

★ 35-6, 38-41 (Facsimiles) 390.00 10.00

★ 50-54 (1866 Complete set)

MU 50-53 (1866-To 8c value)

★ 65-6, 68-9 (1866-75 G-F)

★ 67-68 (1866-6c, 24c values)

★ 68 (24c-Straight Edge-Good)

★ 69 (Imperf-Error 48c 1866)

★ 70-76 (1866-75 14 Stamps)

★ 152-56 (1898 Complete set)

MU 152-59 (3 Diff. Cpt sets)

★ 186-190 (Top values)

★ 188-90 (Both 96c Types)

★ 198-99, 201 (High values)

★ 205-8 (1931-To 6c ultra)

★ 210-221 (1934-44 To 6c val.)

★ 234A (Wmk upright 24c)

BR. HONDURAS ★ 1 (1p blue

1885)

★ 8 (1p blue-Perf 14 1872)

★ 13-15, 23, 28A, 29-30 (1882-8)

★ 22A (Bil-Sect Tied on piece)

★ 80-82 (25c, 50c, 81 values)

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BR. SOLOMONS ★ 67-78 (To 5sh) 7.31 2.75

BURMA ★ 18A-31, 34 (To 2rupee) 6.40 2.00

★ 35-50, 51-55 (2 Cpt sets)

★ 70-84 (1947 Complete set)

★ O28-42 (2 Diff. Cpt sets)

CANADA ★ 2 (1851 6p Albert)

★ 14, 18-19 (1c, 12 1/2c, 17c G-F)

★ 14-15 (1c-5c 1859 values)

★ 17 (4 copies-With Faults)